

**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL DAMMAM
FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2017-2018
CLASS VIII ENGLISH**

Maximum marks: 80

Time: 3Hours

SET - A

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A:	Reading	20marks
Section B:	Writing	20marks
Section C:	Grammar	15 marks
Section D:	Literature	25 marks

Instructions:

- a. Attempt all questions.
- b. Do not write anything in the question paper.
- c. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- d. Attempt all questions in each section before going to next section.
- e. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

SECTION A – READING (20 MARKS)

I. Read the following passage carefully:

(7 Marks)

The Gen-Y Technology: Nanotechnology

Can you imagine life without the latest gadgets? Let's find out how technology is being used in every sphere of our life.

Nanotechnology is the science of miniature, the science that can create a mobile for an ant! Nanomaterials are a thousand times smaller than the diameter of a human hair. 'Nano' in Greek means 'dwarf' and when any material is reduced to the nano dimension, there are drastic changes in its properties. It is for this reason that this cutting edge technology can be used in aerospace engineering, bioscience, medical science, environment, electronics, security and a variety of other fields.

In the area of health, nanotechnology can create sensors in the form of biochips, to be inserted into the human body, targeting a drug to a single malignant cell. It can also make tiny medical devices and sensors with fantastic precision to reach areas where the surgeons' hands cannot, and repair damaged and diseased tissues.

In environmental science, nanotechnology is providing ways to detect and filter bacteria and toxins out of water supplies and clear up heavy metal and organic chemical pollution. In military technology, it is developing new lightweight equipments and weapons, bullet proof battle suits that can morph or camouflage.

Some environmental groups and others who fear as-yet-unknown risks that nanotechnology can create to human health and the environment. They have called a temporary stop on research, arguing that they know about the toxicological effects of nanoparticles, and that there are no regulations to control them.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following by choosing the best of the given choices. (1x 7 =7Marks)

1. 'Cutting-edge technology' is
 - a. A technology that helps in cutting the edges of anything
 - b. The most advanced stage in the development of something
 - c. A technology of different types of blades
2. Nanotechnology can be used in the field of surgery because:
 - a. It does not require any surgeon
 - b. It works with fantastic precision to reach areas where the surgeon's hands cannot
 - c. New studies have come up in this field
3. The soldiers too have reasons to smile because :
 - a. Life will be saved
 - b. Weapons are not needed to fight
 - c. New lightweight equipments, weapons and bullet proof battle suits can be developed
4. The water supplies departments have a reason to cheer nanotechnology:
 - a. Helps to detect and filter bacteria and toxins out of water
 - b. Teaches us to drink impure water
 - c. Is developing new equipment to purify water
5. Nanotechnology is criticized by some environment groups because :
 - a. It can stop the existing technologies
 - b. It is a new field of science and the harmful effects are not known
 - c. Nanomaterials are very small
6. The phrase 'mobile for an ant' means:
 - a. This technology can build a mobile inside an ant
 - b. New technology can be built out of ants
 - c. Nanotechnology can make gadgets of extremely small size

The word that means 'Disguising or hiding things with the colour of nature'

- a. Miniature
- b. Malignant
- c. Camouflage

II. Read the following poem carefully:

THE SEVEN AGES OF MAN

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms;
And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,
Sighing like furnace, Then a soldier,
Full of strange oaths.....Jealous of
honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,

And then the justice.....
Full of wise saws and modern instances;
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slippered pantaloon,
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side;
.....and his big manly voice. Turning again
toward childish treble, pipes and whistles in his
sound.
Last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

_____ William Shakespeare

On the basis of your reading of the poem, answer the following by choosing the best of the given choices. (1x 6 =6 Marks)

- 1) In the second stage ,the man
 - a) Mewls and pukes
 - b) Goes to school unwillingly
 - c) Cries in his nurse's lap
- 2) The poet describes man as a soldier in the
 - a) Third stage
 - b) Fourth stage
 - c) Fifth stage
- 3) Shakespeare considers the world as one _____ where all of us are _____ who are enacting our clearly defined roles from time to time.
- 4) The poet compares 'exits and entrances' to
 - a) Death and birth
 - b) Honour and shame
 - c) Courage and cowardice

- 5) The last stage is described as
- Second childhood that ends the eventful life
 - Full of wise saws and modern instances
 - Full of strange oaths
- 6) Find the word from the poem which means ,
'A bag with straps used to carry books.'

III. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(1x7=7Marks)

LIFE IS NOT INSTANT COFFEE

A piano teacher described an interesting incident she had had with a young lady who came to inquire about music lessons. The young lady asked her, "How long will this course take? My father tells me that it is in fashion now to be able to play musical instruments and that I should learn one quickly. I want something that will be quick, fast and easy like, like....." When the amused teacher explained that it would take a lifetime of continuous practice to learn music, her face fell and, needless to say, she never came back.

The single most important factor that distinguishes those of us who succeed in any venture and those of us who don't, is this 'instant coffee' attitude. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words.

We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get disheartened and want to give it up. Life is tough for those with the 'instant coffee' attitude.

Real success and happiness come to those who have a 'bread-making' attitude. Those who are willing to knead the dough , wait for hours for it to rise, only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavour- whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness, or even in spirituality – it is a long arduous journey.

Only if we are willing to put in the time, painstaking effort and have faith, we can get results. If we accept this difficult –but-true fact of life, our lives will be happy and fulfilling.

The major problem with these instant coffee solutions is that they are invariably short-lived. If we stubbornly refuse to give up this search for quick solutions, all we do is end up on the wrong track.

- 1. Why did the young lady wishing to learn piano not go back to the piano teacher?**
- 2. What causes a person with instant coffee attitude to get upset or disheartened?**
- 3. Mention a major problem with instant coffee solutions**
- 4. How can we get results in our ventures?**

5. Bread-making attitude consists of....

- a. hard work and patience
- b. support from family
- c. quick and cunning

6. Find the antonym of 'flexibly' from the passage. (Para 6)

7. Life is tough for those with the attitude.

SECTION B - WRITING (20 MARKS)

Q.I Read the following conversation between Anu and Amit. Anu is about to leave home, so she leaves a message for her brother. Write the message in about 50 words. : (5Marks)

Amit: Hello! Is it 23285467?

Anu: Yes, Anu speaking.

Amit: I'm Amit Kapoor from Bhopal. Could I speak to Sunil?

Anu: I'm afraid brother is away at the moment. He may return in an hour or so.

Amit: Could you please give him a message?

Anu: Sure, I'll do that.

Amit: Tell him that my younger brother Ravi will reach Delhi tomorrow at about 6.30 p.m. by the A.P Express. He will be travelling in coach C-2 of AC Three Tier. Ask Sunil to receive him at the station and arrange accommodation for him for three days in a nice hotel.

Anu: O.K. You needn't worry. I'll leave that message.

Amit: Thank You.

Q.II You are Geeta /Geet, President of Cultural Committee of your School. Your school organized a cultural evening in the school for charity. Write a report in about 80 -100 words to be published in a daily newspaper. (8Marks)

Date and venue---- chief guest and other dignitaries arrived ---- attended the inaugural function----welcome speech by our Principal ----programme consisted of songs, dances, skits -- which were liked by one and all ---- presentations by small children much appreciated---- tickets for the show were sold in advance----- a good amount of money was collected--- chief guest's encouraging speech-----importance to the need for arranging such programmes----- vote of thanks by Vice principal----- parents satisfied and happy ----- RS 2 lakh donated to a school for handicapped.

Q.III You have to write an article for your school magazine on “Good Manners”. Using the ideas given below along with your own ideas, write the article in 100-120 words. (7Marks)

Good Manners refer----well-cultured social behaviour----make a good impression ----on others
 ----feel good about oneself ----where you are ----home, work, friends---need good manners--
 --respected and esteemed ---wherever he goes---- politeness makes life easy ---- creates
 goodwill ---- please, thank you, sorry -----important words----- try to respond with a
 smile ----- ---lack of manners ----unpleasant atmosphere of indiscipline -----well
 mannered people -----popular and liked by all

OR

Bhuvan comes across the following information on the rising popularity of video games. He feels horrified at the violence that most of these games depict. He writes an article on ‘Video Games and Violence’ for his school magazine. Write the article for him with the help of the hints given below.

Hints: Latest passion ----- craze among children ----- electronic media ----- exposure -----
 modern outlook ---- the negative impacts of video games---playing aggressive games ---
 develops--- aggressive thoughts ---video games depict violence -----tender minds ---- easily
 influenced ----- conditioned ----- violence ----- losing human values ---- effacing them
 --- injuring the very mind of children ----- solution ----- encourage children---
 participate ---outdoor activities---constructive games ---- healthy entertainments

SECTION C - GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

I. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ Marks)

	INCORRECT	CORRECT
Whenever leaves is burnt in the open, the	a) is	are
air get laden with tiny particulate matter	b) -----	-----
which raise air pollution to alarming levels.	c) -----	-----
This cause severe respiratory disorder and eye	d) -----	-----
infections to those persons who is exposed to it.	e) -----	-----
Many civic agencies, now does not burn the leaves	f) -----	-----
but buries them in pits for composting.	g) -----	-----

1. Rewrite the following sentence in TYPE I and TYPE III conditionals.

1. If you were the Prime Minister of India, you would live in Delhi. (1x2=2Marks)

III. Complete the conditionals with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1\text{Mark}$)

1. Plants -----, if they do not get enough water. (die)
2. Your suit would have looked better, if you ----- a red tie. (wear)

IV. Join the sentences using an appropriate conjunction from the list given below: (1x3 = 3Marks)

(not only but also, neithernor, but)

1. He tried to get up. He could not.
2. Rita did not come. She did not send a letter.
3. Elephants are found in India. They are also found in Africa.

V. Do as directed :

1. Add *ie* or *ei* (1/2x2 = 1Mark)

- a) Conc.... t
b) Hyg.....ne

2. Complete the following using *colours* or *colour- expressions*: (1/2x2 = 1Mark)

- a) The celebrities, expected to arrive from 6.30 p.m. for the award night, will receive welcome.
b) She waswith envy when she heard that her cousin won the gold medal.

3. Join the sentences using *too* or *enough* (1/2x2 = 1Mark)

- a) My neighbour is very rich. He can buy whatever he wants.

4. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word given in brackets:

(1/2x6 = 3Marks)

- a) Millions of European ----- came to America in the 19th century.
(commuters / emigrants)
b) Stratford-on-Avon, where Shakespeare was born, is visited by many ----- every year.
(tourists / pilgrims)
c) Don't wait for Ms Sinha to give money for the party. She is too -----.
(tight-fisted / tight-lipped)
d) The view from the top of the mountain was -----, (heartfelt / breathtaking)

- e) Since the painters charged us an----- fee, we couldn't complete the work.
(enormous / exorbitant)
- f) They said I would love the play, but I don't think ----- . (I would / I wouldn't)

SECTION D - LITERATURE (25 MARKS)

I. Choose the correct answer: (1x3=3Marks)

- 1) When Bob says, 'Each of us ought to have our destiny worked out,' what does he mean?
 - a. Their futures will have been decided.
 - b. They will have solved their puzzles.
 - c. Their unhappiness will have eased.
- 2) Where did the palanquin bearers hide in fear?
 - a. Behind Khoka
 - b. Behind the palanquin
 - c. Behind a tree
- 3) Evelyn could speak clearly because she -----
 - a. Imitates people
 - b. Listens carefully
 - c. Could hear till she was Eleven

II. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions briefly: (3x2=6 Marks)

- 1. Describe the fearsome fight between Khoka and the bandits.
- 2. What was special about the appointment made between two friends in 'After Twenty Years'?
- 3. How does Evelyn feel the music when she plays the drums and the xylophone?
- 4. When did Bob realize that the man whom he was talking was not Jimmy Wells? How did he react to it?

III. Quote from memory: (3 Marks)

THE HERO

Imagine that I'm travelling through

.....

Its hooves set up a swirling cloud

Poet

IV. Annotate the following extracts:

(3X3 = 9Marks)

1. At such a lonely place and think

'Where am I being led?'

A Who does 'I' refer to?

- a. Khoka
- b. Khoka's mother
- c. Khoka's brother

B Here 'The lonely place' referred to is

- a. The winding track
- b. The Plain of the Twin Lakes
- c. The woods

C What was the reason for the speaker's fear?

- a. They were travelling through unfamiliar and dangerous region.
- b. The palanquin bearers ran away
- c. They were travelling through an inhabited and fertile valley

2. 'They called her name and she didn't move. I suddenly realized she hadn't heard.'

- a. Who said the above words? Whom is the speaker referring to?
- b. How had she lost her hearing ability?
- c. What were they advised by the specialist?

3. 'Well, well, well! Twenty years is a long time. The old restaurant's gone Bob; I wish it had lasted, so we could have another dinner there.'

- a. Who was the speaker?
- b. What was the name of the restaurant?
- c. What had happened to it?

V. Answer ANY ONE in detail:

(1 x4 = 4 Marks)

1. Evelyn won't accept any hint of heroic achievement. She says, "If you work hard and know where you are going, you'll get there." Explain Evelyn's heroic achievements in the world of music?

OR

Bob used the words 'truest', 'staunchest', 'best chum' and 'finest chap' to describe his friend. Does Jimmy really possess these qualities? Justify your answer.